REMARKS

Claims 1-288 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 145 are independent claims. The following remarks are provided supplemental to the remarks presented in the Response filed on Feb. 7, 2003. The Examiner's consideration of the present remarks along with the previously submitted remarks is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-288 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Suzuki et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,213,652) in view of *Goertz et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,295) and further in view of *Guck* (U.S. Patent No. 5,911,776). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Advisory Action dated March 5, 2003, the Examiner states that the Response filed on Feb. 7, 2003 does not place the application in condition for allowance, because *Guck* teaches a database and converters all working together in the database to generate device specific documents. The Examiner further states on page 2 of the Advisory Action that "*Guck*'s method produces the same document to different devices, regardless of each device's structure, therefore the document can be interpreted as device independent."

Guck describes a database including a number of documents in any format, and a number of converters for converting a document of a first format

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into a document of a second format. A client user can retrieve the documents in which case, the document format of a selected document is automatically converted to the format suited for that client user. However, a distinction is that in *Guck*, the first format conversion takes place at a central place, namely in the server 50 in Fig. 1, and not at the client's side. In contrast, in Applicant's claimed invention, the document generator located at a client's side makes the first format translation. This means that the configuration of *Guck* will not and cannot deliver the advantages that Applicant's invention brings regarding the printer driver at the client's side.

Thus, since *Suzuki et al., Goertz et al.,* and *Guck,* either taken singularly or in combination as suggested by the Examiner, do not disclose or render obvious at least the above-noted features and the previously mentioned features recited in independent claims 1 and 145, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Supplemental Response After Final Rejection, in that it clarifies the invention and/or it reduces the issues for appeal.
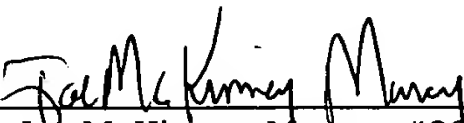
Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A system for delivering documents across a network which comprises:

a document generator <u>at a client's side and</u> configured to translate an input data stream into a data stream having a device independent format and to output the device independent format data steam;

a computer configured to receive the device independent format data stream and programmed to analyze the data stream to determine a best output device by comparing any features required by the data stream with features of any output devices available to the computer; and

the computer further being programmed to translate the device independent data stream into a device specific data stream for the best output device and to transmit the device specific data stream to the best output device.

145. (Twice Amended) A system for delivering documents across a network which comprises:

a document generator <u>at a client's side and</u> configured to selectively translate an input data stream into a data stream having a device independent

format based on selection signals, and to selectively output a data steam in a device specific format or the device independent format based on the selection signals;

a computer configured to receive the data stream from the document generator programmed to analyze the data stream to determine a best output device by comparing any features required by the data stream with features of any output devices available to the computer; and

the computer further being programmed to translate the data stream into a device specific data stream for the best output device and to transmit the device specific data stream to the best output device.